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The Front Post Half Double Crochet stitch (FPhdc) is an easy way to create raised textures in your crochet projects. It combines the softness of HDC with the dimension of post stitches, producing professional-looking ribbing and patterns.

Front Post Half Double Crochet Stitch (FPhdc) Step-by-Step Guide

The Front Post Half Double Crochet stitch (FPhdc) is a variation of the half double crochet stitch that creates a raised texture on the front of your fabric. Instead of working into the top loops of a stitch, you crochet around the post of the stitch below, pushing the stitch forward.

FPhdc is perfect for adding ribbing, cables, and textured patterns to blankets, hats, scarves, and other projects.

What Is a Front Post Half Double Crochet Stitch?

The Front Post Half Double Crochet (FPhdc) combines the height of a half double crochet (hdc) with the dimensional effect of post stitches.

Insert the hook around the front of the post of the stitch below.

Yarn over and complete the stitch as you would a normal half double crochet.

In UK terms, this stitch is called Front Post Half Treble Crochet (FPhtr).

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Inserting the hook in the top loops instead of around the post.
- Pulling yarn too tight — keep a loose, even tension for smooth ridges.
- Skipping posts — each FPhdc counts as a stitch in your pattern.

Best Uses for FPhdc

- Ribbed edges for hats and cuffs
- Raised textures in blankets and throws
- Decorative vertical stripes and cables

Abbreviation

Crochet Stitch Method

1. Yarn over, insert hook front→back→front around post.
2. Yarn over, pull up loop (3 loops).
3. Yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.



Step by Step

Step-by-Step Instructions (US Terms)

1. Yarn over (yo).
2. Insert your hook from front to back to front around the post of the stitch below.
3. Yarn over again and pull up a loop — you'll have three loops on your hook.
4. Yarn over and pull through all three loops.

One Front Post Half Double Crochet (FPhdc) is complete.

This produces a raised ridge that stands out from the fabric surface.

Practice Row Example

Chain 16.

Row 1 — Half double crochet across (15 hdc). Turn.

Row 2 — Chain 2, FPhdc in next stitch, hdc in next stitch, repeat across. Turn.

Repeat Row 2 to see the texture develop.

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